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From: WASHINGTON

To: MOSCOW

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To [Name CB] [i].

The first group of mine-sweepers and big submarine-chasers left NEW\*\*\*\* [ii] 7 September. Composition, [2 groups unrecovered], [3 groups unrecovered], organization, and provisioning [OBESPEChENIE] [iii] as before. American liaison officers and [4 groups unrecovered].

The second group, mine-sweeper no. 114 and mine-sweeper no. 115 and big submarine-chasers no. 4, no. 7, and no. 6, are ready to leave KEY WEST. We will let you know the date of departure later.

[18 groups unrecovered]

organization and provisioning as before. To [4 groups unrecovered] launches on them Captain Second Rank NIKITIN (MOL' group) [C% is heading for] NEW\*\*\*\* [ii]. The group is provided with engineers[s?], intelligence officers, radio operator[s?], and signaller. Organization and provisioning on the crossing from ST. JOHNS to ICELAND [is?] in [2 groups unrecovered]. [The following] documents have been received from the Americans: route, [7 groups unrecovered], [3 groups unrecovered], and intelligence data on [1 group unidentified]s.

From ST. JOHNS it is on its own. [D% Food] [2 groups unrecovered]: [C% Moist] and [B% fresh]

[19 groups unrecoverable]

and [1 group unidentified]. Details of the provisioning we will report later as soon as the local command in NEWFOUNDLAND makes them more specific.

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[Name CE] [iv]

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Comments:

- [i] Name CB: Possibly BOGDENKO, Director of Operations from March 1943.
- [ii] NEW\*\*\*\*: This may be NEW YORK, but it has been suggested that it is NEWPORT NEWS.
- [iii] OBESPEChENIE: In some contexts this is translated "security."
- [iv] Name CE: Possibly EGORICHEV, Naval Attaché, WASHINGTON.

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